

**Amendments to the Claims**

A detailed listing of all claims in the application is presented below. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims in the application. All claims currently amended are submitted with markings to indicate the changes relative to the immediate prior version of the claims. The changes in any amended claim are shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

1. (Original) A gasket for sealing duct sections, comprising:  
  
a sealing ring having a base portion for receiving an end of an inner duct section or connector to be joined, and a substantially J-shaped cross-section; and  
  
a flexible hollow sealing portion of substantially circular cross-sectional shape affixed to said base portion and protruding in a radially outward direction, for engagement with an outer duct section or connector to be joined.
2. (Original) The gasket of claim 1, wherein said base portion also includes a lip protruding in a radially inward direction for engagement with a complimentary groove or depression on said inner duct section or connector to be joined.
3. (Original) The gasket of claim 1, wherein said base portion and said flexible hollow sealing portion comprise materials having a different hardness.
4. (Original) The gasket of claim 3, wherein said base portion is harder than said flexible hollow sealing portion.
5. (Original) The gasket of claim 1, wherein said base portion is removably fitted onto an unrolled or unfolded edge of said inner duct section or connector.

6. (Original) The gasket of claim 1, wherein said base portion is permanently secured onto an unrolled or unfolded edge of said inner duct section or connector.
7. (Original) The gasket of claim 2, wherein said base portion and said flexible hollow sealing portion comprise materials having a different hardness.
8. (Original) The gasket of claim 7, wherein said base portion is harder than said flexible hollow sealing portion.
9. (Original) The gasket of claim 7, wherein said base portion is removably fitted onto an unrolled or unfolded edge of said inner duct section or connector.
10. (Original) The gasket of claim 7, wherein said base portion is permanently secured onto an unrolled or unfolded edge of said inner duct section or connector.
11. (Original) The gasket of claim 8, wherein said base portion is removably fitted onto an unrolled or unfolded edge of said inner duct section or connector.
12. (Original) The gasket of claim 8, wherein said base portion is permanently secured onto an unrolled or unfolded edge of said inner duct section or connector.